

The undersigned authors of the primary argument in favor of ballot measure AD5 at the special election for the City of San Luis Obispo to be held on April 26, 2005 hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

*Dave Romero*

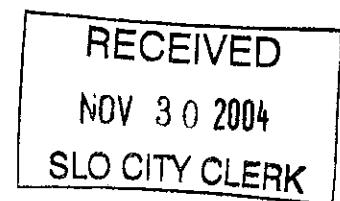
Dave Romero  
Mayor

11/30/04

*John R. Ewan*

John R. Ewan  
Council member

11/30/04



**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A-05**

The Dalidio farm is beautiful, but wishful thinking won't protect it...only City control will. Voting "yes" provides this control.

- Although many people wish it <sup>would</sup> remain in agriculture, for over 40 years the City's General Plan has shown development on this land.
- While the property is surrounded by the City, it is not within the City. Unless annexed, the City has no control over its use.
- The Dalidio family will not agree to annex without fair use of its property....and no one has come forward with the *millions of dollars* needed to buy the land for open space.
- In the early 1990's, the Dalidio family offered a compromise allowing it to develop about half of the property, leaving the remainder in open space. The Council unanimously agreed and included this approach in the 1994 General Plan.
- After being rejected by the City, in 2001 a project was proposed to the County. If developed in the County, the City would lose: project control, open space, tax revenue, downtown protections, and a needed interchange.
- The Council urged the County to return the applicant to the City, which it did after all parties hammered out compromises made in good faith, resulting in a proposal much more aligned with the City's General Plan.
- While the proposed General Plan change allows a small increase in development, it protects forever 79 acres of open space; 55 acres on the Dalidio Farm and another 24 acres in the Buckley Road area, where "sprawl" is a real threat. This open space protection is *greater* than envisioned in the General Plan.

Voting "yes" to minor General Plan amendments guarantees City control and real long-term benefits and protections for our community.

*Dave Romero*

Dave Romero  
Mayor

11/30/04

*John R. Edwards*

John R. Edwards  
councilmember

11/30/04